GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3329
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2002
REHABILITATION PACKAGE FOR POOR HELPLESS WIDOWS
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL;PADAMSEN CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have prepared a rehabilitation package for the poor and helpless widows living in holy cities of North India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to set up a Vidhava Ashram of 1000 beds capacity in Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh under the said proposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which said Ashram is likely to be opened and the amount likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a)&(b) The Government have launched a scheme known as 'Swadhar' for the rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances, including widows deserted in religious places. A project for rehabilitation of 150 widows in Vrindavan has been sanctioned.

(c),(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. A project for construction of a Shelter Home for 1000 widows at Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh has been approved in principle. The project will be implemented by the Government of Uttar Pradesh with a total cost of Rs.3.33 crore, out of which Rs.2.50 crore shall be provided as grants by Government of India. This fund shall be released after the land identified by District administration is allotted for the project and detailed architectural plan and estimate for construction is prepared and approved by competent authority.